

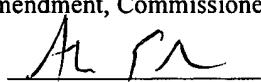


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lang et al.
Appln. No.: 10/681,749
Customer No.: 02101
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Response A

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response and requests that the following amendments and remarks, in response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006, be considered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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